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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 22 September 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m. consultations of the whole (closed) Consultation Room

Iraq (S/2000/835)

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m. 28th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Conclusion of the general debate [9]:

Rwanda

Antigua and Barbuda

United Republic of Tanzania

Venezuela

Mauritius

Eritrea

Benin

Equatorial Guinea

Nicaragua

Uzbekistan

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	3rd meeting	Conference Room 3

Election of a Vice-Chairman

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Provision of interpretation services to meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States
2. Improved utilization of conference facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi
3. Remote interpretation
4. Executive session on World Food Programme

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMME AND OPERATIONAL QUESTIONS

9.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Informal consultations

10 a.m. -1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Bagher Asadi (Islamic Republic of Iran), to discuss options for placing the United Nations Forum on Forests within the United Nations system intergovernmental machinery.

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United Nations Population Fund

An informal consultative meeting on reproduction health commodity security will take place *today*, 22 September 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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FIFTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate
(12 to 16, 18 to 22 September 2000)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 6) for the general debate of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly is now available in room S-3001.

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the Secretary of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420A).

Live Webcast of the general debate of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly is available on the General Assembly Web site on the Internet at <http://www.un.org/ga/55>.

Delegations are invited to send in advance by e-mail the electronic version of the text of their statements in the general debate, in one of the official languages of the United Nations, to DPI@un.org for posting on the General Assembly Web site.

Announcements

Information regarding the role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence is available at the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (room DC1-1412) or on the Web site of the Division at the following address: <www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc/advsg01.pdf>.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 22 September 2000

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND AND THE SIXTH COMMITTEES
(on agenda item 34 (a): Oceans and the law of the sea)

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(on the third regular session of the Executive Board of UNDP/UNFPA)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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Briefing

H.E. Mr. Bagher Asadi (Islamic Republic of Iran) will hold a briefing for non-governmental organizations, on the current status of the informal consultations, within the Economic and Social Council, on the establishment of the International Arrangement on Forests. The briefing will be held *today*, 22 September 2000, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 1 September 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 25 September 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	4th meeting	Conference Room 4

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	3rd meeting	Conference Room 1

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 2

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

Morning*	closed meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

* Following the adjournment of the 2nd meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on disarmament and international security and related agenda items are urged to kindly inscribe their names on the list of speakers with Ms. Krcalova (tel.: (212) 963-0049), as soon possible.

Delegations are reminded that names of representatives and of alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Mr. Kuo-Chung Lin, Secretary of the First Committee (telefax: (212) 963-5305).

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SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

In accordance with its approved programme of work and timetable contained in document A/C.4/55/L.1, the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will begin its substantive work on Monday, 25 September 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on decolonization and related agenda items are urged to kindly inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the Secretariat of the Committee (room S-2977; tel.: (212) 963-9223), as soon as possible.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The Second Committee will begin its general debate on Monday, 2 October 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The list of speakers for the general debate, and all other items allocated to the Committee, is open for inscription. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson; tel.: (212) 963-2183; fax: (212) 963-5935).

Panel discussion

There will be a high-level panel on information technology and public administration in preparation for the General Assembly deliberations on globalization and interdependence, (agenda item 100), which this year will focus on information technology, on Tuesday, 26 September 2000, from 10.15 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

The panel will be chaired by H.E. Dr. Makarim Wibisono (Indonesia), President of the Economic and Social Council. The panellists will be Ms. Jill Velenosi, Deputy Chief Information Officer, Treasury Board Secretariat, Government of Canada; Dr. William H. Melody, Professor, Faculty of Technology, Policy and Management, Delft University of Technology (Netherlands); Mr. Subir Hari Singh, JS, Head of Electronic Governance Division, Ministry of Information Technology, Government of India; and Dr. Hisham El Sherif, Chairman, Regional Information Technology & Software Engineering Center (Egypt).

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee is open for inscription by delegations. The Committee will begin its substantive work (in accordance with document A/C.3/55/L.1, as approved by the Committee at its 2nd meeting) on Monday, 25 September 2000, at 10 a.m., with agenda items 103 (Social development) and 104 (International Year of Older Persons). Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee, Ms. Kate Starr Newell (tel.: (212) 963-4248; telefax: (212) 963-5935; electronic mail: newellk@un.org).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The resumed 2000 session of the Committee on Non-governmental Organizations will be held on Wednesday, 27 September 2000, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to resume consideration of item 7 (Consideration of special reports) (Transnational Radical Party).

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Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Third regular session 2000

The third regular session 2000 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from 25 to 29 September 2000 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/2000/L.4. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Working Group on Disarmament of the Non-Aligned Movement on Tuesday, 26 September 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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Briefing

The High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mary Robinson, will brief the representatives of Member States on the World Conference against Racism on Tuesday, 26 September 2000, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

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Round table

A round table on "Capacity-building for Sustainable Development and Agriculture", organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations, in collaboration with the Department of Tropical and Sub-tropical Agricultural Studies of the University of Catania (Italy), will be held on Tuesday, 26 September 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. The presentation will be conducted in English.

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World Bank Seminar

A seminar on the theme "World Development Report 2000/2001: Attacking Poverty", organized by the World Bank, will take place on Thursday, 28 September 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday, 4 October, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., and on Thursday and Friday, 5 and 6 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 27 September. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Briefing

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), in cooperation with the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) Special Representative to the United Nations, is organizing a debriefing following the annual meetings of September 2000 of the IMF. The debriefing, to be conducted in English, will be held on Tuesday, 10 October 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Tuesday, 3 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9684).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 21 September 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

26th plenary meeting

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Abdalla Saleh Al-Ashtal, Chairman of the Delegation of Yemen; H.E. Mr. Luvsangiin Erdenechuluun, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mongolia; H.E. Mr. Souef Mohamed El-Amine, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Comoros; H.E. Mr. Irakli Menagarishvili, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Georgia; H.E. Mr. Hugo Tolentino Dipp, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Dominican Republic; H.E. Ms. Paulina García de Larrea, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ecuador; H.E. Mr. Rashid Alimov, Chairman of the Delegation of Tajikistan; H.E. Mr. Ioannis Kasoulides, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cyprus; and H.E. Mr. Masao Nakayama, Chairman of the Delegation of the Federated States of Micronesia (on behalf of the members of the Pacific Island Forum group of countries at the United Nations).

Programme of work

The President drew the attention of the General Assembly to document A/INF/55/3, which contained a partial programme of work and schedule. The President also informed the General Assembly that the lists of speakers for items contained in document A/INF/55/3 were open.

The President informed the General Assembly that the 2000 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme would take place on Wednesday afternoon, 1 November.

The President also informed the Assembly that the 2000 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities would be held in the morning of Wednesday and Thursday, 1 and 2 November.

The President also informed the Assembly that the announcement of voluntary contributions to the 2001 programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees would take place on Friday morning, 10 November.

The President further informed the Assembly that the announcement of voluntary contributions to the 2001 programmes of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East would take place on Monday morning, 4 December.

27th plenary meeting

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. the Honourable Elvin Nimrod, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Grenada; H.E. Mr. Abdullah Abdullah, Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan; H.E. Mr. Mohammed Said Al-Sahaf, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq; H.E. Mr. Marc Nteturuye, Chairman of the Delegation of Burundi; H.E. Mr. Hussain Shihab, Chairman of the Delegation of Maldives; H.E. Mr. Stanislaus Mudenge, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Zimbabwe; H.E. the Honourable Janet Bostwick, Attorney General and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Bahamas; H.E. Mr. Enrique Candioti, Secretary of State and Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Argentina; H.E. the Honourable Allan Cruickshank, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Tourism and Information of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; H.E. Mr. Ousmane Moutari, Chairman of the Delegation of the Niger; and H.E. Mr. Jackeo Relang, Chairman of the Delegation of the Marshall Islands.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Kuwait, the United Kingdom, Iraq and Argentina.

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Twenty-fifth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

TUESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2000

643rd and 644th meetings

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee began and concluded its consideration of the second periodic report of Finland (CRC/C/70/Add.3)

In accordance with the provisional rules of procedure of the Committee, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions and observations made by members of the Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2000

645th and 646th meetings

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee began and concluded its consideration of the initial report of Burundi (CRC/C/3/Add.58)

In accordance with the provisional rules of procedure of the Committee, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions and observations made by members of the Committee.

THURSDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 2000

647th and 648th meetings

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee began and concluded its consideration of the initial reports of the United Kingdom (Isle of Man (CRC/C/11/Add.19 and Corr.1); and Overseas Territories (CRC/C/41/Add.7 and Add.9)).

In accordance with the provisional rules of procedure of the Committee, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions and observations made by members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. New York, 10 September 1996

Ratification: Gabon (20 September 2000)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

Ratification: Gabon (20 September 2000)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Global summit

A Global Summit of Polio Eradication Partners will take place on Wednesday, 27 September 2000, from 9.45 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 1. Speakers will include Mr. Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations; Mr. Ted Turner, Chair of the United Nations Fund for International Partnerships; Mr. Frank Devlyn, President of Rotary International; Ms. Donna Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Services (United States); Ms. Mia Farrow, UNICEF Special Representative; Ms. Gro Harlem Brundtland, Director-General, World Health Organization; and Ms. Carol Bellamy, Executive Director of UNICEF. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Health Situation in Africa: HIV/AIDS and Other Priorities", organized by the World Health Organization, on Thursday, 28 September 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The panel will be chaired by Dr. Fabrizio Bassani, Executive Director, WHO Office at the United Nations. Dr. Ebrahim M. Samba, Regional Director, WHO Regional Office for Africa, will be the keynote speaker. H.E. Prof. Matia Mulumba Semakula Kiwanuka, Permanent Representative of Uganda to the United Nations, and H.E. Mr. Kiyotaka Akasaka, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations, will co-chair the panel. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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